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SRI V. R. RANGANATHAN : Is there any reason why so many posts are held by unqualified people?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, all the graduates with training have been absorbed in the teaching institutions. Because we were unable to recruit fresh personnel for the purpose of filling these posts—as a matter of fact, our attempts to get graduates for filling these posts are proving futile—instead of depending upon raw graduates, we thought experienced Junior Deputy Inspectors could be promoted, and they are now holding these posts.

Creation of a Chair in the History of Indian Medicine

* 13 Q.—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal before the Government to institute a Chair in the History of Indian Medicine at the College of Integrated Medicine, Madras;

(b) whether the Government of India have sanctioned any grant for the purpose and, if so, the amount of such grant and the conditions attached thereto; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of India have sanctioned a grant of Rs. 7,200, being three-fourths of the anticipated expenditure without attaching any conditions.

(c) The scheme is being implemented.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Sir, as a Special Officer, I believe, will be appointed to prepare this history, would the Government consider the appointment of a small committee of Tamil experts to assist the Special Officer, as most of the historical details relating to the Siddha system of medicine are to be found in ancient Tamil literature?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, the scheme involves the appointment of one Lecturer, First Grade, and three Pandits in the Siddha, Ayurveda and Unani systems and typists and all the other paraphernalia.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : May I press for the consideration of the Hon. Minister that a Tamil Pandit who knows something of Tamil literature should be appointed?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : For this purpose, we require a different pandit—not a pandit in literature, but one in the systems of medicine—and we have provided for the three respective branches.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.